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For: REFLECTED LIGHT GLARE MINIMIZATION FOR
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Responsive to the paper mailed July 23, 1997 since the Board of Appeals' decision the Federal Circuit in *York Products, Inc. v Central Tractor*, 40 USPQ2d 1619, 1622 (Fed. Cir. 1996) found that "substantially" is a word with a common meaning which should be applied in claims, and is not indefinite.

Please note that this case has been granted special status yet it has been more than a year since the response to the 196(b) Actions have been filed. PLEASE treat this case special.

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